



Guides/Outfitters Phase One Reopening Strategy in Response to COVID-19

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Working together, Montanans have succeeded in limiting the person-to-person spread and impacts of COVID-19. This has presented an opportunity to begin a phased reopening of businesses that were previously required to be closed. A directive issued by the governor on April 22 specifically allows for resumption of outdoor recreation with guides and outfitters. Please note the following requirements for Phase One:

1. Conduct health assessments for all employees at the beginning of each guided event. Anyone with respiratory symptoms must be sent home.
2. Adherence to the quarantine travel restrictions (14 days as described below).
3. Physical distancing of at least 6 feet must be maintained between staff and customers.
4. Utilize a face mask for staff and encourage masks for customers.

Lewis and Clark Public Health has the following additional guidance to help protect staff and customers from disease.

1. **Develop a written plan** to manage Phase One operations. Be sure to address any issues unique to your operations and location.
2. Notify guests of the travel restrictions and quarantine requirements before booking and after arrival.
 - a. Any person coming to Montana from another state or country must immediately self-quarantine for 14 days. If a person will be present in Montana for fewer than 14 days, that person must self-quarantine for the duration of the visit.
 - b. Quarantine means
 - i. Stay home (or in a hotel or other similar facility) for 14 days;
 - ii. Keep at least 6 feet of separation from others (social distancing)
 - iii. Avoid sharing personal items.
 - c. Quarantine guidance is available on the Lewis & Clark Public Health web page to share with guests and included with this guidance.
 - d. Recognize the risk to your operation if a customer becomes symptomatic with COVID-19 while participating in guided activities.

- i. Your customer will be required to isolate at their place of residence (hotel or similar facility) unless hospitalized.
 - ii. Everyone that comes in contact with the case will be quarantined for 14 days.
- 3. Utilize cloth face masks that fully cover the mouth and nose.
 - a. A cloth face covering will help contain any respiratory droplets from the wearer and protect other people in case you are infected. You could spread COVID-19 to others even if you do not feel sick.
 - b. The cloth face cover is not a substitute for social distancing and good personal hygiene.
 - c. Cloth face coverings can be made at home or purchased. If you want to make your own face mask, there are lots of patterns and instructions available. Here are two patterns that are recommended by reliable sources:

CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html>

St. Peter's Health:

<https://www.sphealth.org/sites/default/files/making%20a%20basic%20mask%204.6..20.pdf?1586198571129>
- 4. **Support respiratory etiquette and hand hygiene** for employees and customers.
 - a. Provide tissues and no touch disposal receptacles throughout the facility.
 - b. Provide hand washing facilities with soap and water and single use towels. If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
 - c. Discourage handshaking and encourage the use of other noncontact methods of greeting.
- 5. **Routinely clean** all surfaces occupied by your customer. In addition, clean all frequently touched surfaces, such as fly rods, oars, boat rails, etc. Use the cleaning agents that you usually use in these areas, and follow the directions on the labels.

If you have questions or need technical assistance, please call Lewis & Clark Public Health at 457-8900. Thank you for implementing a plan that will further protect our community from COVID-19.

If you suspect Coronavirus, contact your provider.

For a link to this document and other local information: www.lccountymt.gov/covid-19